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School Children Are Enlisted to Save the Birds.

AUDUBON SOCIETY'S APPEAL

To Organize Every Body of Pupils Into a General Movement for Housing, Feeding and Protecting Wild Birds That Save Country's Crops.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—On the eighteen million schools children in this country final hope of averting the extinction of the valuable species of insectivorous birds in America has been rested to-day. What the federal government, the state legislatures and even the granges, women's clubs or national commercial organizations have failed to accomplish completely, the National Association of Audubon Societies have announced will be given to the children of the land to bring about. To organize every body of pupils, form the largest public schools in this city to the most remote district school in the Pacific Coast, into a general movement for housing, feeding and protecting the wild birds that save the country's crops is the object of the Audubon workers to-day.

General headquarters for this new campaign of the children are being established in the offices of the National Association of Audubon Societies at 141 Broadway to-day. Already the organization is in touch with thousands of teachers and girls and boys' clubs all over the country, to which it has regularly sent literature on bird guarding and care. With these as a nucleus, the children are to push the fight out into every section of the locality, till the members of each school in every neighborhood are enlisted in the work of building bird houses and restaurants to sustain the sadly thinned ranks of the feathered army of insect destroyers. Special ammunition in the form of printed directions and suggestions for making bird shelters and lunch counters is being prepared for every boy and girl who will write and ask for it.

Old kettles, boxes or milk, tomato and kerosene cans are being used by the children as emergency bird shelters. Elaborate houses, rustic imitations of hollow limbs and neatly furnished apartments are also being planned. All must be made cat-proof and should face to the south or west if possible. Like any human married couple, the feathered pair who are seeking quarters for rearing their family in the spring are quite particular in their tastes. If they find no promising spot for a home in any locality, they will pass on and leave its fields and gardens at the mercy of destructive insects. The children are urged to the immediate building of houses for this season's bird families, because seasoned and weather-beaten structures most quickly tempt the birds when spring moving day comes.

The march of civilization has robbed millions of useful, as well as slightly and tuneful, birds of their old-time facilities for home making; ornithologists here declare today. Sheltering tree trunks are being laid low every year over hundreds of acres. The old-fashioned structures, where birds might flock under open eaves, are being replaced by modern droofs that shut out bird life. Whole races, like the Chimney Swifts, are being deprived of their shelter in the big, old-style chimneys. Such conditions, combined with lax laws, for spring shooting and pot-hunting, will soon drive the valuable insect-eaters to extinction, it is agreed. It will be

the children's work to house the evicted birds at the time when they not only rear their young but eat most copiously of the insect crop-destroyers.

"The children are now the great factor in this great economic movement," said William Dutcher, president of the National Association of Audubon Societies today. "Not only their patriotism but the self-interest of every one of their parents is the motive for preventing the extinction of the beautiful and highly valuable birds of this country. We are calling on Congress, the legislatures of the entire country and on every adult body to help; but I believe the work of the school children of the land will accomplish more than all the other methods combined. It is a fine chance for every boy and girl to do something for his village, state and the country at large and I know they will not neglect to do their part. 'Save the birds' is the motto and rallying cry of the school children of America."

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CARTER HANDICAP.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—When the entries for the Carter handicap, the first big event of the Spring Racing season, closed yesterday, it was found that the name of Roseben, the champion sprinter of America, was missing. Trainer Frank Weir, it was learned, had persuaded Roseben's owner, Davis Johnson, not to enter the big weight carrier in the early events. "Roseben is a hard horse to get in perfect trim for early events," said Weir, when asked why the sprinter was not entered. Weir had entered several seasons, much to his injury. He will hardly start before the Belmont Park meeting.

It is stated that the blood poisoning from which the animal suffered last fall had no influence upon the decision not to enter him for the Carter or other early handicaps, as he has fully recovered.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Brick and Terra Cotta Tests to be Made.

WILL BUILD KILN AT ONCE

Chamber of Commerce Appropriate a Sum Not to Exceed \$200.00 For the Tests.—Sample of all Kinds of Clay Wanted.

The special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of which due notice appeared in these columns was held last evening to hear the report of the committee on manufacturing and industries with regard to the brick and terra cotta proposition and their report is as follows:

"We think that a test of all our clays can be made here in our own vicinity, the total expense of which would not exceed \$200 and probably not be more than \$120.

"Mr. Lew Ogan will make these tests, giving his services free of charge, and we believe that this amount of money cannot be better expended, and we would have on hand the best products that can be made in the way of pressed and faced brick, terra cotta, sewer pipe, etc., which would bear the name of Astoria and could be left in the Chamber of Commerce as a living advertisement of what our clays will produce.

"These tests, of course, would include all of the clays in this vicinity, also Caoline about which so much has been said within the past few months.

"We consider an expenditure of \$125 to \$200 a very cheap means of finding out whether or not our clay it would be settled once and for all if it would be settled once and for all we can make good brick, terra cotta, etc. Respectfully submitted,

"E. G. PALMBERG,
"R. E. CARRUTHERS,
"Committee."

The report was accepted and a motion was made to appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$200 for practical experimental work was seconded and unanimously carried.

There was considerable interest and discussion in the matter and it was finally arranged that the details of locating the kiln and other matters be left to the manufacturing committee.

Mr. Carruthers offered a place to build the kiln and it is very likely that his offer will be accepted. The matter of having some one to watch the operations of Mr. Ogan occasioned considerable talk and it was the earnest wish of Mr. Ogan that some one be appointed to watch his tests. It is understood that Mr. G. Wingate had volunteered his services as far as his business would permit, and it was finally disposed of by referring the matter to the manufacturing committee with full power to act in the premises.

Mr. Ogan was asked a number of questions and replied to them in an understandable way and the case with which he disposed of the questions showed that he knew what he was talking about in a manner that convinced his hearers that bricks of regular size will be made. Not one brick but 50 or 100. He explained the different kinds of bricks also their organic qualities and uses from the mud brick to the one that is good enough to put into the finest structures. His demonstrations will be with brick such as architects demand and also the vitrified brick suitable for paving purposes.

It may be of interest to say of the brick industry that one factory in St. Louis turns out one million brick in every 24 hours, so that if Clatsop clay will make good brick we have right in our own door yard an industry that cannot be taken away from us but will build up a commerce that will tax the transportation companies running out of the city.

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STOLE FOR FRIEND.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Jos. Campion and his 18-year-old wife, the latter with a baby in her arms and another child clinging to her skirts came into police court yesterday to answer a charge of stealing. With them was Mildred Dean, 19 years old, housekeeper for Thomas Queenan, who was the complainant against the

three. He said that articles had been stolen from his house by the two women, who had pawned them. Miss Dean told the court that she took the articles and gave them to Mrs. Campion, with whom she had formerly gone to school. She said she did it to keep the Campions from starving. Campion will ill and out of work and his family was suffering for food when Miss Dean discovered them. She had no money, but stole from her employer's house to provide her friend and the babies with food. Mrs. Campion at first denied the story absolutely, saying that they always had plenty to eat, but when the police officers told of several visits to the house and of the little ones crying for food, and with nothing to eat in the house but a single onion, she dropped down and admitted that the family would have starved but for Miss Dean's thefts. Queenan, on hearing the story, immediately withdrew the charge and contributed to the fund raised in the court room for the family. Campion will have his choice of jobs this morning from spectators in the court room.

DR. HATCH.

Says Medicine is Unnecessary and Will Allow Himself to be Inoculated to Prove it.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19.—Willard P. Hatch who is delivering a series of free lectures on health, throughout the state contending that the use of medicine is unnecessary, has announced that he will allow himself to be inoculated with the germs of any disease and will agree to work such germs out of his system without the use of medicine. Mr. Hatch says that pure blood is all that is necessary to secure immunity from disease and in his lectures tells the public how by a proper understanding of natural laws perfect health may be secured and maintained. He says:

"In the past 50 years the average human life has lengthened 10 years. I prophesy that by the expiration of 50 years, 30 years more will be added to the average human life—and within the same space of time there will be a class of understanding people who will live without disease and without medicine, and who will be able to die with as little pain as they now go to sleep."

The Jumping Off Place.

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DANTE'S HUMOR.

It is of the Wholly Unconscious Kind and Woefully Grim.

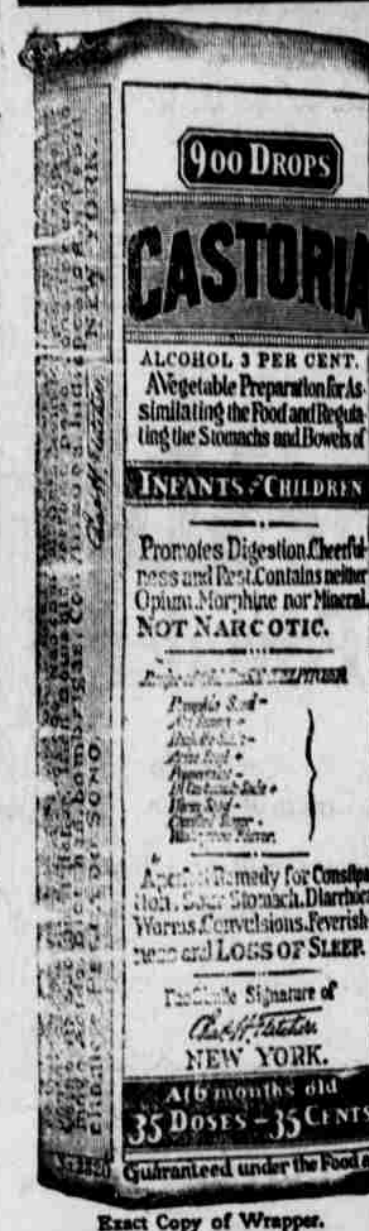
The humorous side of Dante is analyzed in the Westminster Review by George Trobridge, who is a great admirer of the famous poet and who has in previous writings expressed his appreciation of Dante as a nature poet and as a novelist.

Although Dante's great poem is a "comedy," in the sense of being a drama working to a happy ending, we do not look for ridiculous situations in it, such as we usually associate with the idea of comedy. Ridiculous situations occur nevertheless, and there is no lack of humor even in the poet's description of the sufferings of the lost. Dante's humor, however, is of the unconscious kind, arising from a total lack of perception of the ludicrous. It is said that he was never seen to smile, and we can quite believe it, since he never forsakes sober seriousness in his writings, and it is his deadly earnestness that betrays him into occasional comicality.

The sinners in hell, the poet tells us, are relegated to their proper quarters on the judgment of Minos, who indicates the particular circle to which the culprit is consigned by wrapping his tail so many times around his bestial body. Fancy the trembling sinner waiting to count the coils that he may know his fate!

It is a horrible punishment which is assigned to those guilty of slimony, to be buried head downward in a circular pit, with only the legs and feet protruding, while flickering flames glide over the soles of the latter, inflicting exquisite torture, yet our sense of humor is provoked by the description of Dante standing over one of these holes and holding a conversation with its occupant, "reversed, and as a stake driven in the soil," while numberless legs wriggle in continual motion around him.

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HALE'S FAITH UNSHAKEN.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The speech of Senator Johnson, of Alabama, on the Aldrich currency bill and the statement by Hale, chairman of the committee on naval affairs on the proposed investigation of charges of defects in the construction of battleships, were the chief subjects of interest before the Senate today. Hale expressed his belief in the efficiency of the battleships.